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SUBJECT: RSVP: EXTRANCHECK:  
PRE-LICENSE CHECK: NERA TELECOMMUNICATIONS LTD  
APPLICATION NUMBER: D408150

REF. USDOC 07055

¶1. Unauthorized disclosure of the information provided below is prohibited by Section 12C of the Export Administration Act.

¶2. Application Number: D408150; Attention: OEA/532/M.  
Nickson/Antoinette Dyson- License Applicant: Symmetricom Inc. 2300 Orchard Pkwy., San Jose, CA 95131, Contact: Ms. Susan Durr (408-964-9624).

¶3. On Wednesday, December 17, 2008, CommAttache Todd Avery, Sr CommSpec Chia Swee Hoon and ICE Senior Special Agent Russell Perras, assigned to the Container Security Initiative in Singapore, visited Nera Telecommunications Ltd located at 109 Defu Lane 10, Singapore 1539225. Emboffs met with Mr. Choakdee Dhamasaroj, SVP & Country Manager of Nera (Thailand) Limited, and three other officers from Nera Telecommunications Limited based in Singapore: Mr. Neo Aik Hoon (Manager, Systems Engineering & Customer Service, Microwave Network), Mr. Christopher P. Cortes (System Engineer, Transmission, Technical Support) and Mr. Wilson Lau (Operations Executive, Transmission Network) to brief them on U.S. export licensing procedures and requirements.

¶4. From the interview, Emboffs established that Nera Telecommunications Ltd had successfully tendered for the Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) Defense System Phase II contract worth 36 million Euros. Mr. Choakdee Dhamasaroj specifically flew into Singapore for the PLC as he is the Country Manager for Nera (Thailand) Limited that will be responsible for installing the telecommunication system at RTAF. He is familiar with the project and is aware of U.S. export regulations and licensing requirements for controlled items. Mr. Choakdee Dhamasaroj explained that Nera Telecommunications Ltd participated in the tender instead of the Thailand office as it was better qualified to bid for the large tender. He further explained that the controlled commodity from Symmetricom Inc was one of 28 products that will be integrated into the telecommunication system for the RTAF. The controlled product will be shipped to Singapore (instead of to Thailand directly) as all the 28 products have to be consolidated into one shipment to be re-exported to Thailand to facilitate Custom clearance by the end user - RAFT. Wilson Lau clarified that when the controlled commodity arrives Singapore, Nera will not take physical delivery as it will remain in the FTZ and will be shipped directly from the FTZ. He said that his company uses two freight forwarders to handle the shipments: CTI Logistics and Hong Kong World Transit.

¶5. Nera Telecommunications Ltd (with more than 100 staff in Singapore) is listed on the Singapore Stock Exchange. Their officers were forthcoming with information and provided copies of quotation and purchase order for the controlled commodity. Emboffs visited all three floors of Nera's office in Singapore.

¶6. On the basis of the inspection and the interview conducted, Emboffs are satisfied that Nera Telecommunications Ltd is a legitimate business concern that appears to be a reliable recipient of U.S. origin commodities.

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